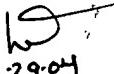


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In re Application of:

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 1.116*OK to Enter
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3/29/04*Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 12/24/2003, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) the Examiner to reconsider the above-referenced application for allowance. In addition, the following claim amendments are submitted as placing the present application in better condition for allowance. As set forth below, Applicant(s) also submit(s) that the Section 103(a) rejections have been overcome and that the subject matter of the claims is clearly not taught or obvious in view of the references as discussed below.